

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

#### **Call to Order:**

**CHAIRMAN BILL MCCHESENEY**, on January 9, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Rep. Bill McChesney, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mark Bruno, OBPP  
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch  
Mitzi Grover, Committee Secretary  
Matt Stayner, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

**Informational Testimony:**

00:00:06 Chairman McChesney  
00:02:33 Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
00:05:34 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State  
[EXHIBIT\(jgh05a01\)](#)

00:06:46 Ms. McCulloch

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:21 Chairman McChesney  
00:10:52 Sen. Laible  
00:11:30 Ms. McCulloch  
00:12:11 Sen. Laible  
00:12:22 Ms. McCulloch  
00:12:29 Sen. Zinke  
00:12:53 Ms. McCulloch  
00:14:15 Sen. Zinke  
00:14:26 Ms. McCulloch  
00:15:10 Sen. McNutt  
00:16:04 Ms. McCulloch  
00:16:26 Mr. DeWitt  
00:16:57 Ms. McCulloch  
00:18:39 Sen. McNutt  
00:18:52 Ms. McCulloch  
00:19:29 Sen. Laible  
00:20:01 Mr. DeWitt  
00:20:29 Rep. Sesso  
00:20:43 Ms. McCulloch  
00:21:20 Rep. Sesso  
00:22:37 Ms. McCulloch  
00:22:57 Rep. Sesso  
00:23:26 Ms. McCulloch  
00:23:48 Rep. Sesso  
00:24:14 Ms. McCulloch  
00:24:35 Rep. Sesso  
00:24:47 Mr. DeWitt  
00:25:51 Mr. Bruno  
00:26:26 Rep. Sesso  
00:26:51 Ms. McCulloch  
00:28:01 Sen. Laible  
00:28:13 Ms. McCulloch  
00:28:37 Sen. Laible  
00:28:50 Ms. McCulloch  
00:28:59 Mr. Bruno  
00:29:22 Chairman Rep. McChesney

**Executive Action**

00:29:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved that DP 3 Help America Vote Act HAVA requesting spending authority of the interest earnings on the funds as a biennial and one time only appropriation **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:31:12 Chairman McChesney

**Consensus Council**

**Informational Testimony:**

00:31:21 Mr. DeWitt

00:32:57 Chairman McChesney

00:33:07 Sheryl Olson, Deputy Director, Department of Administration

**EXHIBIT**(jgh05a02)

00:37:28 Chairman McChesney

**Executive Action:**

00:37:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved passage of DP 1 that removes budget and funding for the Montana Consensus Council **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Department of Administration**

00:38:23 Mr. DeWitt

00:38:43 Chairman McChesney

00:38:49 Rep. Sesso

00:38:57 Mr. DeWitt

00:39:16 Chairman McChesney

00:39:29 Mr. DeWitt

00:42:58 Chairman McChesney

**Director's Office**

**Informational Testimony:**

00:43:05 Mr. DeWitt

00:43:34 Rep. Sesso left

00:43:47 Mr. DeWitt

00:45:41 Chairman McChesney

00:45:49 Janet Kelly, Director, Department of Administration

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00:54:20 Ms. Olson

[EXHIBIT\(jgh05a03\)](#)

01:07:26 Pat McNamee, Financial Manager, Department of  
Administration

[EXHIBIT\(jgh05a04\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:10:07 Chairman McChesney

01:10:32 Sen. Laible

01:11:03 Ms. Olson

01:11:16 Sen. Laible

01:11:24 Ms. Olson

01:11:42 Sen. Laible

01:12:01 Ms. Olson

01:12:23 Sen. Laible

01:12:44 Ms. Olson

01:13:17 Sen. Laible

01:13:24 Sen. Zinke

01:13:43 Ms. Olson

01:14:12 Sen. Zinke

01:14:33 Ms. Olson

01:14:46 Sen. Laible

01:15:36 Ms. Olson

01:18:19 Sen. Laible

01:19:15 Ms. Olson

01:19:24 Sen. Laible

01:19:52 Ms. Olson

01:20:02 Ms. Kelly

01:20:39 Rep. Nooney left

01:20:51 Ms. Kelly

01:23:14 Sen. Laible

01:23:48 Ms. Kelly

01:23:54 Sen. Zinke

01:25:25 Chairman McChesney

01:27:49 Sen. Hanson

01:27:59 Sen. Laible

01:28:44 Ms. Kelly

01:29:44 Sen. Laible

01:29:51 Ms. McNamee

01:31:10 Sen. Laible

01:31:20 Ms. McNamee

01:31:35 Mr. DeWitt

01:33:28 Sen. Laible

**State Accounting Division**

**Informational Testimony:**

01:33:35 Chairman McChesney

01:33:55 Mr. DeWitt

01:39:12 Paul Christofferson, Administrator, State Accounting  
Division, Department of Administration

**EXHIBIT(jgh05a05)**

**Questions from Committee Memebers and Responses**

01:42:00 Mr. Christofferson

01:53:48 Chairman McChesney

01:53:59 Sen. Laible

01:54:39 Mr. Christofferson

01:55:21 Sen. Laible

01:55:26 Mr. Christofferson

01:55:46 Sen. Laible

01:55:50 Mr. Christofferson

01:55:59 Sen. Laible

01:56:05 Mr. Christofferson

01:56:49 Sen. Laible

01:57:18 Mr. Christofferson

01:58:31 Sen. Laible

01:58:35 Mr. Christofferson

01:59:08 Sen. Laible

01:59:35 Mr. Christofferson

02:01:20 Sen. Laible

02:02:04 Mr. Christofferson

02:02:52 Sen. Zinke

02:03:19 Rep. Nooney returned

02:03:35 Mr. Christofferson

02:04:25 Sen. Zinke

02:05:03 Mr. Christofferson

02:05:14 Chairman McChesney

**Recess:** Approximately ten minutes

**Architecture & Engineering Division**

**Informational Testimony:**

02:22:07 Mr. DeWitt

02:22:53 Tom O'Connell, State Architect, Department of  
Administration

**EXHIBIT(jgh05a06)**

02:29:52 Sen. Laible left  
02:30:11 Rep. McNutt left  
02:30:33 Rep. Nooney left  
02:31:40 Mr. O'Connell  
02:32:12 Sen. Laible returned  
02:32:19 Chairperson McChesney  
02:32:26 Rep. McNutt returned

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:32:49 Sen. Zinke  
02:33:06 Mr. O'Connell  
02:33:24 Sen. Zinke  
02:33:29 Mr. O'Connell  
02:34:14 Sen. Zinke  
02:34:26 Mr. O'Connell  
02:34:50 Sen. Zinke  
02:34:55 Mr. O'Connell  
02:35:29 Sen. Zinke  
02:35:40 Mr. O'Connell  
02:36:14 Sen. Zinke  
02:36:30 Mr. O'Connell  
02:37:01 Chairperson McChesney  
02:37:06 Sen. Laible  
02:37:46 Mr. O'Connell  
02:39:41 Sen. Laible  
02:40:47 Mr. O'Connell  
02:42:39 Sen. Laible  
02:42:51 Mr. O'Connell  
02:44:52 Chairperson McChesney  
02:44:58 Sen. Hanson  
02:45:20 Mr. O'Connell  
02:47:05 Chairperson McChesney  
02:47:15 Sen. Laible  
02:47:28 Mr. Christofferson  
02:48:50 Sen. Laible  
02:48:57 Mr. Christofferson

**General Services Program**

**Informational Testimony:**

02:49:03 Mr. DeWitt  
02:49:30 Rep. Jon Sesso returned

02:49:40 Mr. DeWitt  
02:55:14 Chairperson McChesney  
02:55:23 Marvin Eicholtz, Administrator, General Services  
Division, Department of Administration

**EXHIBIT(jgh05a07)**

03:10:46 Sen. Zirke left

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:10:59 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:25:20 Chairman McChesney  
03:25:29 Sen. Hanson  
03:25:47 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:27:56 Sen. Laible  
03:28:19 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:28:51 Sen. Laible  
03:29:00 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:29:41 Sen. Laible  
03:30:24 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:31:26 Sen. Laible  
03:32:17 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:32:30 Sen. Laible  
03:33:15 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:33:29 Sen. Laible  
03:33:40 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:33:46 Rep. Sesso  
03:34:30 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:34:42 Sen. Laible left  
03:34:50 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:35:11 Rep. Sesso  
03:35:19 Rep. McNutt returned  
03:35:27 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:36:07 Rep. Sesso  
03:36:46 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:37:11 Rep. Sesso  
03:38:58 Mr. Eicholtz  
03:40:33 Rep. Sesso  
03:43:38 Chairman McChesney  
03:43:55 Rep. Sesso  
03:45:00 Rep. McChesney

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([jgh05aad.pdf](#))**